



# MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

## DROP BOX SECURITY

Maricopa County voters may return an early ballot by mail or drop it off at any Vote Center or secure ballot drop box. There are many layers of oversight to ensure ballots are safe and secure. All drop box locations are publicly accessible, approved by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and can be found at [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](https://Locations.Maricopa.Vote).

## Where can I find drop boxes?

[LOCATIONS.MARICOPA.VOTE](https://Locations.Maricopa.Vote)

### 1 VOTE CENTERS MONITORED BY TRAINED STAFF

Drop off your early ballot at any Vote Center. Locations are open for up to 28 days. Just make sure to return your ballot prior to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

### 2 DRIVE THROUGH DROP BOXES MONITORED BY TRAINED STAFF

Voters can drop off their completed early ballot from the comfort of their car at our drive through drop box locations.

### 3 24-HOUR DROP BOX PERMANENTLY SECURED

The drop box outside the Maricopa County Elections Department is available 24 hours a day, bolted to the ground and monitored by a security camera.

### 4 DROP BOX ONLY LOCATIONS INSIDE A GOVERNMENT FACILITY

Drop box locations are inside many city and town clerk's offices.

## DROP BOX MATERIAL MARKED. LOCKED. LIMITED ACCESS.

All ballot drop boxes are visibly marked as an official drop box, locked, and have a small opening for envelopes. Only the Elections Department or the inspector have a key.

## How is my ballot secured?



### DAILY PICK UPS

Two ballot couriers of differing parties pick up the signed and sealed early ballot packets every day the location is open.



### TAMPER EVIDENT SEALS

During pickup, the sealed envelopes are placed in a transport bin, which is secured by a tamper evident seal.



### SERIAL NUMBERS AND LOGS

The seals have a serial number that is logged in a transport statement, which is signed by both ballot couriers and the inspector (at Vote Centers or Drive-Through Drop Boxes) or a government official (at drop box only locations in government facilities).



### AUDITED NIGHTLY

All forms are reviewed and audited nightly when the transport bins are inspected at the Elections Department and sealed envelopes are removed for early ballot processing.



### RETAINED FOR TRANSPARENCY

All paperwork and seals are retained and transferred to the treasurer's vault along with counted ballots and other election materials at the end of each election.



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